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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2009

Mr. EHLERS (for himself and Mr. GRIJALVA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week.

Whereas the Nation's school, academic, public, and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of people in the United States, today, more than ever;

Whereas librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work in a challenging economy;

Whereas libraries are part of the American Dream, places for opportunity, education, self-help, and lifelong learning;

Whereas according to a December 2008 National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) report, public library use increased to 1,400,000,000 visits nationwide during fiscal year 2006, among all types of library users, continuing a long term trend of increased library usage;

Whereas libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;

Whereas libraries help people of all ages discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as provide personal service and assistance in finding needed information;

Whereas libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom and equity of access;

Whereas libraries are narrowing the “digital divide”, by providing no-fee public computer and Internet access to accommodate the growing need for access to digital and online information, including e-government, continuing education, and employment opportunities; and

Whereas libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across the United States celebrated National Library Week, April 12–18, 2009, with The Campaign for America’s Libraries: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
- 3       Library Week; and
- 4               (2) encourages all residents to visit a library to
- 5       take advantage of the wonderful library resources
- 6       available, and to thank their librarians and library
- 7       workers for making information accessible to all who
- 8       walk through the library’s doors.

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